

Dear members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee:

I strongly oppose HB 5653 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION.

This is nothing more than another attempt at infringing on our constitutional rights in a state that already heavily represses our rights. Firearms and ammunition are already subject to 11% tax on top of the CT sales tax.

There are many reasons why this tax is a bad idea.

Firstly, an excise tax on ammunition unfairly targets law-abiding gun owners who use their firearms for recreational activities, such as hunting or sport shooting. Such a tax places a financial burden on these individuals, effectively reducing their ability to exercise their Second Amendment rights.

Secondly, an excise tax on ammunition would disproportionately impact low-income individuals who may rely on hunting and shooting as a means of providing food for their families. These individuals would be forced to pay a higher price for ammunition, making it more difficult for them to participate in these activities.

Thirdly, an excise tax on ammunition would do nothing to deter criminals from obtaining firearms and ammunition illegally. Criminals who engage in violent activities are unlikely to be deterred by the increased cost of ammunition, as they are already obtaining their firearms and ammunition outside of legal channels.

In conclusion, the implementation of an excise tax on ammunition is an infringement on our rights and a means of generating revenue. It is ultimately a bad idea that unfairly targets law-abiding gun owners, disproportionately impacts low-income individuals, and does nothing to deter criminals from engaging in violent activities.

The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Respectfully,

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